STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF GREENWOOD	) EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Mary D. Williams,	) Case No.: 2020-CP-24
Plaintiff,	) SUMMONS
vs.	)
South Carolina CVS Pharmacy, L.L.C.	)
Defendant.	) ) )

## TO: THE DEFENDANT AND/OR THE DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY:

This **SUMMONS** requires you to answer the attached Complaint and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their office, **109 Oak Avenue**, **Greenwood**, **S.C. 29646**, within **THIRTY (30) DAYS** after service thereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the said Complaint within that time, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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Greenwood, South Carolina

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# PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

- 1. Plaintiff is a citizen and resident of Greenwood County, South Carolina.
- 2. Defendant is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the South Carolina that regularly transacts business in Greenwood, South Carolina.
- 3. This Court has jurisdiction over all of the parties and subject matter raised herein, and venue is proper in Greenwood County.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 4. On or about November 28, 2017, Plaintiff was shopping at Defendant's store at 1337 South Main St., Greenwood, SC 29646.
  - 5. On that afternoon, Plaintiff was an invitee of Defendant and was shopping for items.
- 6. At approximately 3:00 p.m., a rack that was negligently placed, monitored, inspected, and maintained fell on top of Plaintiff and caused her severe injuries, particularly to her left leg, knee, hip, and shoulder.

# FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Negligence – Premises Liability)

7. Plaintiff reiterates and realleges Paragraphs 1-6 as though set forth herein verbatim.

- 8. Plaintiff was an invitee of Defendant because as a patron of Defendant's store, she was on the premises with permission for the purpose of benefitting Defendant's commercial enterprise.
- 9. Defendant had actual and constructive notice of the dangerous condition caused by the bread rack in its center aisle because its employees and agents created this dangerous condition that injured Plaintiff.
- 10. Defendant owed Plaintiff a duty of due care to take safety precautions to warn of, eliminate, properly train employees, and not create the dangerous condition and unreasonable risk that the bread rack in its center aisle posed to Plaintiff and other similarly situated invitees.
- 11. Defendant breached this duty by acting in a careless, negligent, grossly negligent, reckless, and unlawful manner as hereinafter set forth and in the following particulars:
  - a. In placing a bread rack that was not secure in its center aisle near the front door;
  - b. In failing to properly secure the bread rack so that it would not fall;
  - c. In failing to mark off the area where the Plaintiff was injured in a manner that prevented patrons from accessing that area until it was safe for them without the risk of an unsecured bread rack falling on them;
  - d. In failing to remove the bread rack from the area where it posed a danger to store patrons;
  - e. In failing to place any signs or markers warning of the dangers that the unsecured bread rack caused to customers;
  - f. In failing to properly train its employees in how to properly set up its store in a safe manner; and

- g. In failing to properly and timely inspect its premises to ensure the premises had no obstacles placed in a manner that made them dangerous to customers.
- 12. As the direct and proximate result of the aforesaid negligent and careless acts or omissions of Defendant, Plaintiff:
  - a. Was painfully injured;
  - b. Was subject to the administration of medication;
  - c. Was subject to pain, mental anguish, suffering and discomfort over a period of time;
  - d. Was disfigured with painful, ugly bruises for a time and still suffers pain;
  - e. Has incurred substantial medical bills; and
  - f. Has been limited in her participation in recreational activities from which, prior to the accident, she derived a great deal of personal enjoyment and satisfaction.
- 13. Defendant acted in reckless and wanton disregard for the life and safety of Plaintiff and others.
- 14. Plaintiff is entitled to damages for her loss of enjoyment of life, compensation for limitations to her ability to participate in and derive pleasure from the normal activities of daily life, and her inability to pursue her talents, recreational interest, hobbies, and avocations.
- 15. Plaintiff is entitled to damages for her pain and suffering because of physical discomfort and emotional response to the sensation of pain caused by the injury and mental anguish for shock, fright, emotional upset, and/or humiliation.

### WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for:

 Actual, incidental, consequential, punitive, and special damages such as should be awarded by a jury at the trial of the case; 8:21-cv-00687-TMC Date Filed 03/10/21 Entry Number 1-1 Page 5 of 5

Exhibit A

- 2. A trial by jury;
- 3. Costs and attorney's fees; and
- 4. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just, equitable, and proper.

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